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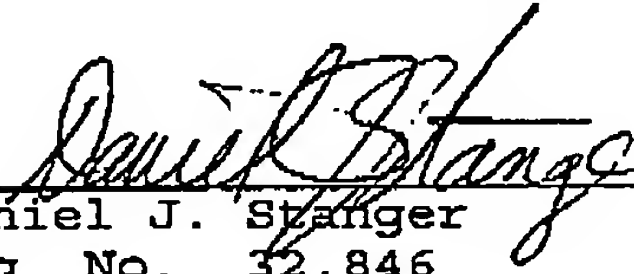
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Sir:

The Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner and his supervisor, Examiner Minhloan Tran, for the courtesies extended during the office interview conducted today.

During the interview, it was agreed that the outstanding rejections of independent claims 1 and 2 and their dependent claims would be withdrawn upon the Examiner's receipt of the Reply filed August 19, 2004, in view of the lack of motivation for combining the primary reference to Itaya with the secondary reference to Alavi as asserted in the outstanding Office Action.

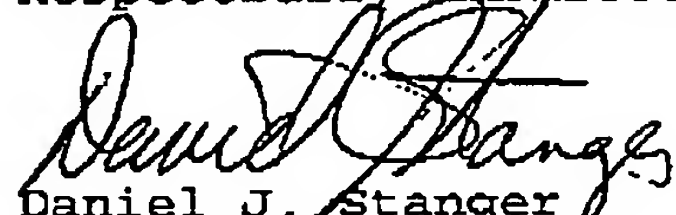
The Applicants now await further action by the Examiner. Of course, the Examiner is invited to telephone the

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Applicants' representative at the number below to discuss the application for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,



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